

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND
CIVIL DIVISION**

RECARDO TERRY

Plaintiff,

v.

**SONNY PERDUE
SECRETARY, UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

Defendant.

Case No.: 1:18-cv-31

PLAINTIFF'S RESPONSE TO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

Comes now, Plaintiff Recardo Terry, by and through counsel, and pursuant to the Court's April 4, 2018 Order, hereby files this Response to the Order to Show Cause, and states as follows.

Plaintiff filed his Complaint on January 3, 2018 and served the Complaint on Defendant Sonny Perdue, Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture on February 8, 2018, on U.S. Attorney General Jefferson B. Sessions, II on February 9, 2018, and on the U.S. Attorney for the District of Maryland, Stephen M. Schenning, on February 14, 2018. Ex. 1 (Affidavit of Service of Summons and Complaint on Defendant and associated return receipts). Plaintiff inadvertently neglected to file an affidavit of service of the summons and complaint on Defendant by the April 3, 2018 deadline. However, Plaintiff's affidavit of service is attached hereto as Exhibit 1. Pursuant to Rule 12(a)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Defendant's response to the Complaint is due April 10, 2018.

Wherefore, Plaintiff respectfully submits this Response to the Court's April 4, 2018 Order to Show Cause.

Date: April 5, 2018

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 5th day of April 2018, I caused a copy of the foregoing to be served by first-class mail on Defendant, as follows.

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